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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Adams County

In December 2011 Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant **Consuelo Celeste Garcia** (VB60164007) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly accessed a patient's records without need or authorization, and disclosed the patient's health information to a third party without patient's authorization in an attempt to demean and injure the patient.

Benton County

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Denelle R. Pepin-Donat** (RN00145692) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly self-reported she is addicted to tramadol, a legend drug, and uses marijuana.

Clallam County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Rainier V. Basdeo-Singh** (NC10078307) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly borrowed money from a patient.

Clark County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against registered nursing assistant **Matthew H. Erickson** (NA60145586).

Cowlitz County

In December 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Frances B. Swett** (VA00046198) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include being unable to retain information over short periods of time, requiring multiple interventions from other pharmacy personnel while filling prescriptions, and releasing prescriptions before the prescription was filled.

Grant County

In December 2011 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician Gaston **Cornu-Labat** (MD00040392). Dr. Cornu-Labat's license is unrestricted.

King County

In December 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Shardae Alexia Cann** (HC60240414) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft, and prostitution on five occasions. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2011 the Chiropractic Commission ended the probation order against chiropractor **Johanna M. Hoeller** (CH00002024).

In December 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program ended the probation order against **Joyce R. Rankin** (HC00154631).

Kitsap County

In December 2011 the Chiropractic Commission released chiropractor **Carl R. Botefuhr** (CH00002461) from terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation order against chemical dependency professional trainee **Theresa Lynette Glaser** (CO60148475).

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Joshua R. Miller** (NC10060789) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of assault, and telephone harassment — domestic violence.

Lewis County

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Lindsay C. Watson** (RN00174236) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly used heroin while on duty. She was convicted of possession of a controlled substance — heroin on two occasions, physical control of a vehicle under the influence, and possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine.

Pierce County

In December 2011 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery released **David Z. Levine** (OP00001324) from terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2011 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Jessika C. Lowery**. She allegedly practiced as a licensed practical nurse while her license was expired.

Spokane County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant and Health Care Assistant Programs ended the probation order against certified nursing assistant and health care assistant **Karen E. Henderson** (NC10081756, HC00145929).

In December 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional trainee **James Stephen Hurley, III** (CO60140148) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly misused alcohol and controlled substances, and sought a sexual relationship with a patient.

In December 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program entered into an agreed order with paramedic and emergency medical technician **Adam M. Knight** (ES01171918, ES60105344). He allegedly diverted fentanyl for his own use. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his credentials.

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered and certified nursing assistant **Britny K. Laffoon** (NA00199434, NC60012304) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft on two occasions, violation of a no contact order, and assault — domestic violence.

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Brittney R. Mukulich** (NA60154536) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly administered medication without being delegated to do so, and tested positive for amphetamines and morphine during a urinalysis.

In December 2011 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Marlene E. Vitez** (D160113111) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took at least \$65 from a patient's wallet without permission.

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Collee J. Wright** (LP00054569) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted oxycontin from her place of employment, and tested positive for marijuana during a urinalysis.

Thurston County

In December 2011 the Medical Commission charged physician **Brian Keay** (MD00028964) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to provide medical records to patients upon request.

Whatcom County

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Nicole M. Channel** (RN00174068) with unprofessional conduct. Discrepancies were allegedly found at her place of employment during an audit of her medication administration records. She allegedly tested positive for cocaine, methadone, marijuana, and oxycodone during a urinalysis.

In December 2011, after a hearing, the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program denied the application of agency affiliated counselor applicant **David W. Pen** (CG60211435). He was convicted of 11 gross misdemeanors, one misdemeanor, and four felonies.

Out of State

Colorado: In December 2011 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician **Lloyd V. Olson** (MD00034954) and placed his license on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

Oregon: In December 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Maya G. Emshwiller** (RN00170305, AP30008010) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly surrendered her Oregon registered nurse license and nurse practitioner certification because she's unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

Oregon: In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against certified nursing assistant **Natae G. Gibson** (NC60120588).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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